

40 DAYS OF *prayer*

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INTRO

Dear Child Champion,

Thank you so much for being dedicated to bringing children into the 40 Days of Prayer initiative with the Alliance family! This guide will help you introduce children to the weekly theme through a small, weekly kid's devotional, a key verse, and a weekly prayer prompt. Additionally, there will be a brief video recapping each weekly piece as a supplemental resource as well as a suggested prop for group display. This children's guide can be used in a church setting or by a parent or guardian in the home to accompany the adult 40 Days of Prayer content.

This guide contains six devotionals and accompanying videos. If you are utilizing this in addition to a weekly children's church curriculum, you can expect it to take 5 to 7 minutes to complete each time. All key verses are from the NIV.

We hope this resource will help you as you encourage children to pray alongside their collective Alliance family. We believe children play a vital Kingdom role, and we are honored to have them on this journey with us!

Blessings,



Leah Broach
National Director for Alliance Kids



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WEEK 4: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST



KEY VERSE

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit (Eph. 2:21-22).



PRAYER PROMPTS

Thank the Lord for creating the Church for His glory.
Ask Him to show you how to serve others in your church and who to invite to church.



SUGGESTED PROP

Small rocks or pebbles and one LARGE rock or stone



VIDEO

vimeo.com/643613391/44870cfe3a



WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Did you know that the very first time Jesus talked about His Church, He used two words that describe rocks? In Matthew chapter 16, Jesus asked His disciples what people thought of Him and how they talked about Him. They shared that people thought He was John the Baptist or another great prophet. Jesus then asked His disciples what they thought of Him. Simon Peter answered, “You’re the Christ, the Messiah of the living God.”

Jesus was delighted to hear Simon Peter answer this way, and He said to him something they had never heard. First, He called Simon, Peter, which means rock. This kind of rock was steady and strong, but it wasn’t the most giant rock. Then, He said, “Peter (rock), I will use you and build my Church on the solid rock, and it will be powerful and unstoppable.” He was telling Peter that it would take strong people like him, the other disciples, and all the believers to build the Church, but that it would be incredibly powerful because it would be built on the foundation of the solid rock—Jesus Himself! The rock of Christ is bigger, stronger, and more powerful than any other. The rock of Christ would use people like Peter and you and me to be the Church in the world. The promise was that if we stayed true to Christ, our foundation, the Church, could never be destroyed.

Imagine the most giant rock you can picture. Maybe it is a mountain of rock or Mount Rushmore. Perhaps you imagine the very stone that was rolled away from Jesus’s tomb. Whatever giant rock you picture, it is never more powerful than Jesus Christ, the solid rock Himself. But Jesus uses all of us, like smaller rocks, and He puts us together and makes us into His Church. He becomes our strong foundation and holds us up as His Church. He loves His Church so much that He gave His life and rose again for it.

Whatever church you call your own, never forget that you, like Peter, are a rock inside representing Jesus to the world. All of Christ’s followers make up the Church of Jesus to the people around us, and nothing can ever destroy it!